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Applicant: Clinton O. Fruitman

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
THE CHEMICAL MECHANICAL  
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Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, prior to the first sentence, please insert the following sentence: --This is a continuation of application serial no. 08/662,678, filed June 14, 1996--

Now US Case 5,769,691

In the Claims

Cancel originally-filed claims 1-3, without prejudice.